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Prices were generally unchanged when compared to the previous week's values. The market tone was steady to at times barely steady entering the week. Demand into all channels ranged light to moderate. Supplies were close to tight on jumbos, but adequate to ample on the remainder of sizes. Breaking stock offerings were irregular for a light to fair demand. Breaking schedules were noted as normal to reduced. Spent hens were fully adequate to ample for a fair to good demand.

PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED WAREHOUSE, CENTS PER DOZEN.

MIDWEST REGIONAL All Midwest prices were unchanged. Prices to producers in IA-MN-WI were 2 cents lower for medium and unchanged for large and small. Trade sentiment was steady to at times barely steady for large and extra large. Cartoned egg sales were light to moderate. Food service demand was mostly light to instances moderate. Supplies were close for jumbo and fully adequate to ample for the balance of the sizes. Central states breaking stock prices ranged unchanged. Demand was light for the quiet offerings. Floor stocks were adequate to ample. Schedules were full-time to part-time. Trade sentiment was steady to cautiously steady.

	RANGE	MOSTLY	IA-MN-WI-Prices paid to producers.		
EXTRA LARGE	36-46	37-43			
LARGE	35-45	36-39	LARGE	18-27	22
MEDIUM	25-35	27-30	MEDIUM	6-12	10
			SMALL	6-10	

MIDWEST AREA: IA, IL, IN, KY, MI, MN, OH, NE, ND, SD, WI, WV, Western NY, and Western PA

NORTHEAST REGIONAL Prices were unchanged on all sizes when compared to the previous week's values. Trade sentiment ranged steady to instances barely steady beginning the week. Demand into all outlets was light to moderate. Supplies were close to tight on jumbo, available to ample on large, and adequate to fully adequate on the balance of sizes. Breaking stock offerings were irregular and demand was reported as fair. Schedules were noted as less than normal to normal. Spent hens were fully sufficient to ample for the fair to good demand. Slaughter schedules were noted as normal to instances heavy for the week.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	46-61	47-50
LARGE	40-54	45-49
MEDIUM	29-42	34-36

NORTHEAST AREA: CT, DC, DE, MA, MD, ME, NH, eastern NJ, eastern NY, PA, RI, Northern VA, and VT

SOUTH CENTRAL REGIONAL Prices were unchanged. Trade sentiment was steady to at times barely steady for large and extra large. Retail demand was light to moderate. Food service movement was mostly light to at times fair. Supplies were adequate to close for jumbos and fully adequate to ample for the balance of the sizes. Central states breaking stock prices ranged unchanged. Offerings were quiet for the light demand. Floor stocks were adequate to ample. Schedules full-time to part-time. Trade sentiment steady to cautiously steady.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	49.5-58	51-54
LARGE	43.5-52	45-48
MEDIUM	33.5-42	35-38

SOUTH CENTRAL AREA: AR, AZ, CO, KS, LA, MO, NM, OK, and TX

SOUTHEAST REGIONAL Mostly prices were unchanged when compared to last week's values. Trade sentiment was steady entering the week, however caution was noted. Demand was light to moderate. Supplies ranged adequate to available for current trade needs. Breaking stock offerings were mixed for normal to less than normal schedules. Light type fowl were fully adequate to ample for the fair to good demand.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	42.5-52.25	44-47
LARGE	41-48.25	42-45
MEDIUM	30.5-38.25	31-35

SOUTHEAST AREA: AL, FL, GA, MS, NC, SC, eastern TN, and southern VA

PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED STORE DOOR, CENTS PER DOZEN.

NEW YORK Prices were unchanged on extra large, large and medium when compared to last Friday's prices. Trade sentiment was at best steady. Demand was light to moderate. Supplies were adequate to fully adequate for current trade requirements.

	RANGE
EXTRA LARGE	54-58
LARGE	52-56
MEDIUM	41-45

MIDWEST REGIONAL

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	43-52	45-49
LARGE	42-51	43-45
MEDIUM	32-41	35-37

see page 3 for prices on certified organic eggs in cartons

WESTERN Prices unchanged on all sizes throughout the region. The Pacific region inventory was 3% lower than last Monday with California down 4% and Oregon- Washington-Utah down 1%. Retailer demand light to moderate. Offerings ample.

CALIFORNIA Prices unchanged on all sizes. The California inventory was 4% lower than last Monday. Retailer demand light to moderate. Offerings ample. Small benchmark price 47. Ads in Northern California: major- large 18 pack 10 for \$10.

California Egg Marketing Association and other marketers benchmark price for negotiated egg sales of USDA Grade AA and Grade AA in cartons, cents per dozen. This price does not reflect discounts or other contract terms.

	RANGE
JUMBO	100
EXTRA LARGE	91
LARGE	78
MEDIUM	67

PRICES TO CONSUMERS MAJOR CHAINS, METROPOLITAN AREA, USDA GRADE AA AND GRADE AA, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA	RANGE	NORTHERN CALIFORNIA	RANGE
JUMBO	249-309		
EXTRA LARGE	219-289		
LARGE	199-219		
MEDIUM	179-189		
		NOT AVAILABLE	

NATIONAL RETAIL EGG PURCHASES REPORT Cooperators estimate orders for the week ending May 20, 2005 will decrease by 8 percent. Present week purchases for the week ending May 13, 2005 were 235,319 cases which was 5 percent above the prior week and 15 percent above estimates.

	CARTONED	LOOSE	TOTAL
Cases purchased present week.....	198,985	36,334	235,319
% change from the prior week.....	+3	+21	+5

Comparison figures are compiled on a matched plant basis. Purchases and estimates by 14 cooperators; 30 dozen cases or equivalent.

CENTRAL STATES BREAKING STOCK Prices ranged unchanged. Demand was light with offerings quiet as both buyers and sellers assess market conditions. Floor stocks adequate to ample. Schedules full-time to part-time. Trade sentiment steady to cautiously steady.

Prices in cents per dozen, delivered to breakers, 48 lb. minimum net weight per 30 dozen case, eggs from table egg layers. Packaging may vary.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
BREAKING STOCK	22-26	23-25
CHECKS & UNDERGRADES	13-17	13-15

CENTRAL STATES AREA: AR,CO,IA,IL,IN,KS,LA,MI,MN,MO,NM,ND,NE,OH,OK,SD,TX,WI

SOUTHEAST HEAVY LIVE HEN Majority prices were unchanged to slightly higher when compared to a week earlier. Demand was mostly moderate for the adequate to fully adequate offerings. Processing schedules were noted as normal to instances heavy. Sales of finished product were adequate for current needs. The undertone was steady to at least steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) *
FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 16-MAY-05

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	9.5-15.5	11.75-13.5	12.89
AT FARM PRODUCER LOADING	TOO FEW TO REPORT		
FOB PLANT	TOO FEW TO REPORT		

*WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

SOUTH CENTRAL HEAVY LIVE HEN Trading levels were generally unchanged from the past week. Demand was moderate for adequate offerings from producers. Schedules were normal. Finished sales were fair. Trade sentiment was generally steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) *
PRELIMINARY PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 16-MAY-05

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	8.75-15.75	12-13.25	12.56

*WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

WEEKLY SHELL EGG INVENTORY REPORT-AM MAY 16, 2005

STOCKS ON HAND AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING 1/ 2/

(30 DOZEN CASES-IN THOUSANDS)

		NO	SO	SO		5-Area
		Northeast	CENT	CENT	Atl	Pacific
Jumbo	Curr Wk	11.9	11.5	5.8	11.3	11.1
	Change	0.8	-2.6	-0.5	-1.1	-2.5
Ex Lge	Curr Wk	23.6	38.3	18.0	21.9	33.0
	Change	-0.5	-2.2	1.7	-3.5	4.4
Large	Curr Wk	44.5	133.7	66.9	99.4	91.9
	Change	-0.6	-16.5	-5.1	-14.6	1.0
Medium	Curr Wk	12.5	60.6	16.0	24.4	22.5
	Change	1.0	4.0	-0.9	-1.0	-7.1
Small	Curr Wk	4.1	16.5	4.1	5.9	3.3
	Change	0.0	5.6	1.8	-0.8	-1.9
Misc	Curr Wk	6.3	22.7	9.7	10.8	4.6
	Change	0.4	-0.3	1.2	-5.1	-0.9
Ungraded	Curr Wk	18.4	50.4	16.5	37.3	29.0
	Change	-6.5	-6.6	-3.1	0.4	0.8
Total	Curr Wk	121.3	333.7	137.0	211.0	195.4
Percent	Change	-4%	-5%	-3%	-11%	-3%

TOTAL	Number of Cases	Percent Change	Number of Cooperators
Shell Egg	998.4	-6%	174
Shell Egg Breaking Stock	254.6	7%	35
Total Shell Egg	1,253.0	-3%	209

1/ Information supplied by a universe of 174 cooperators who normally have stocks on hand each Monday A.M. and is on the basis of matched plants reporting in both the current and previous weeks.

This is a representative sample of the U.S. inventory and includes eggs packed for export when in cooperator's coolers.

No valid comparison can be made with year ago or previous months' figures due to changes in number of plants surveyed, holidays falling in different weeks or changes in size of plant operations.

Northeast- CT, DE, MA, MD, ME, NH, NJ, NY, PA, RI, VT
North Central - IA, IL, IN, MI, MN, ND, NE, OH, SD, WI
South Central - AR, CO, KS, LA, MO, NM, OK, TX
South Atlantic - AL, FL, GA, KY, MS, NC, SC, TN, VA, WV
Pacific - AZ, CA, ID, MT, NV, OR, UT, WA, WY

CANADIAN EGGS

QUEBEC/MONTREAL: WHOLESALE PRICES-GRADED IN CARTONS (CANADIAN DOLLARS) AS REPORTED BY AGRICULTURE AND AGRI-FOOD CANADA, AISD, AID, POULTRY SECTION FOR THE WEEK OF MAY 02, 2005

GRADE A	XLARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
	1.86	1.83	1.74	1.16

MINIMUM PRICES FOR PRODUCERS FOB FARM FOR WEEK OF MAY 02, 2005 AS SET BY ONTARIO EGG PRODUCERS.

GRADE A	XLARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
	1.42	1.42	1.32	.77

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES — DAILY WTD AVE PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR MAY 13, 2005

CURRENT LOADS					26.25		FUTURE LOADS					18.00		TOTAL LOADS					44.25	
SE		NE			MW		LOADS		SC		NW		SW		LOADS					
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST		CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST						
GNR W 1	24.00	—	25.75	26.67	—	—	6.00	GL W J	—	—	—	—	—	—	52.00	1.00				
GL W J	—	—	—	—	38.75	—	1.00	GL W XL	32.88	36.00	—	—	—	—	44.25	4.00				
GL W XL	—	—	38.00	40.00	—	—	2.00	GL W LG	32.00	36.29	—	43.50	—	—	—	3.75				
GL W LG	—	—	—	—	29.00	29.00	5.00	GL W MD	—	27.00	—	—	25.00	28.33	3.25					
GL W MD	—	—	—	—	17.50	29.00	5.00	NRBS - 45	—	—	27.00	—	30.00	33.00	2.00					
GL W SM	22.50	27.00	23.00	25.00	—	—	2.00													
NRBS - 48	—	—	22.00	23.00	—	—	12.25													
NRBS - 42	—	—	—	—	—	—	1.00													

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES — WEEKLY (5-DAY) WTD AVE PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR 05/09/05-05/13/05

CURRENT LOADS							83.00	FUTURE LOADS							65.25	TOTAL LOADS							148.25
SE			NE		MW			SC			NW		SW										
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS	CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS								
GNR W 1	25.00	29.00	25.42	27.42	28.00	26.33	23.00	GNR W 1	—	—	—	—	—	40.17	5.00								
GL W J	—	—	44.75	46.00	39.20	—	3.25	GL W J	—	—	—	—	—	52.00	1.25								
GL W XL	—	33.86	38.10	38.40	30.38	—	40.00	GL W XL	32.57	35.77	—	—	—	41.55	13.25								
GL W LG	—	33.46	29.00	35.00	27.63	30.00	37.25	GL W LG	30.29	35.08	—	43.50	—	38.67	22.25								
GL W MD	27.00	24.00	29.63	28.00	19.13	26.00	17.75	GL W MD	23.50	26.00	20.00	—	23.44	26.74	11.25								
GL W SM	23.00	27.00	23.67	25.83	—	—	5.00	NRBS - 45	—	—	27.00	—	30.00	33.00	2.00								
NRBS - 50	—	—	—	25.33	—	—	3.00	NRBS - 39	23.50	—	—	—	—	25.00	2.00								
NRBS - 48	—	—	22.46	23.00	26.00	24.88	31.25																
NRBS - 42	—	—	—	—	—	21.00	2.00																

WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICES ARE LISTED FOR VARIOUS CLASSES PRICED BY ORIGIN AND/OR DESTINATION FOR 6 REGIONS. THE LOADS COLUMN REFLECTS TOTAL LOADS REPORTED AND INCLUDES LOADS WITH PRICES TO BE DETERMINED LATER. NRBS CATEGORIES REPRESENT NET WEIGHT - MATERIAL MAY OR MAY NOT BE INCLUDED.

COLD STORAGE MOVEMENT-FROZEN EGGS (In Thousands)

ON HAND	05/09/05	05/02/05	05/10/04
PACIFIC COAST	183	194	505
LOS ANGELES	183	194	450

NORTH CAROLINA EGGS The market is steady on all sizes. Supplies are adequate. Retail demand is light to moderate.

PRICES WEIGHTED AVERAGE, IN SMALL LOTS, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, NEARBY RETAIL OUTLET, CENTS PER DOZEN.

	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	64.63
LARGE	58.63
MEDIUM	48.63
SMALL	45.00

CERTIFIED ORGANIC EGGS IN CARTONS

(price per carton delivered to first receivers)

Brown Eggs	CENTS/CARTON	MOSTLY
Extra Large doz.	222 – 260	239 - 240
1/2 doz.	120 – 151	130 - 134
Large doz.	217 – 250	225 - 230
1/2 doz.	115 – 142	125 - 128

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PROCESSED EGGS: Monthly Inventory U.S. Dried Eggs (2nd Fri)

AS OF APRIL 30, 2005

COMPARISONS ON THE BASIS OF MATCHED PLANTS

CLASS	NUMBER OF POUNDS	% CHANGE LAST MONTH	% CHANGE LAST YEAR
WHOLE			
PLAIN	2,338,297	-11	123
FREE FLOWING	4,751,404	-10	130
BLEND	2,206,220	12	23
WHITE			
(ALBUMEN)	6,768,113	-1	127
BLEND	50,450	-52	-35
YOLK			
PLAIN	1,555,967	17	-30
BLEND	41,700	-19	11
FREE FLOWING (W/SODIUM SILICO ALUMINATE)	2,456,508	-6	-16
TOTAL	20,168,659	-3	54

DRIED EGGS PROCESSED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION:

APRIL 3, 2005 - APRIL 30, 2005

TOTAL 10,514,000 POUNDS.

Calculations were adjusted to represent matched plants from current month compared to previous month, and current month compared to previous year. Subsequently, the percent change calculations may be based on different cooperators if directly compared with data on previous reports.
